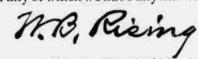
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Dancing Among the Ancients

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In the Vedic age (2000 B. C.), before the rigid division of castes, the priests were leaders of the dance at the festivals. Later on they became all powerful Brah-mans. The Homeric chiefs were distinguished dancers. Lucian says that Troy was taken, Zeus was saved and Ariadne ruined by a dance. And David led the dance before the ark.—Lee J. Vance

A Man with a History.

THE TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE THAT BEFELL JOHN W. THOMAS OF THETA, TENNESSEE.

Afflicted with a Peculiar Disease. His Body Covered with Lumps. Could not Eat and Thought He was Going to Dry Up. His Recovery the Marvel of Tennessee.

(From the Nashville, Tenn., Banner). Mr. John W. Thomas, Jr., of Theta, Tenn., is a man with a most interesting At present he is interested in history. At present he is interested in blooded horses for which Maury County

is famous. "Few people, I take it," said Mr. Thomas to a reporter who had asked him for the story of his life, "have passed through as remarkable a chain events as I have and remained alive

to tell the story.
"It was along in 1884, when I was "The horse has done its best." working in the silver mines of New Mexico, that my troubles began; at first the man's turn! Again that quick intuition, fostered only in discipline and in

here to my old home to die. From simple indigestion my malady to the left. developed into a chronic inability to As Jonathan's hind feet touched his take any substantial food, I was barely master's hand pressed strongly on his able to creep about, and at times I was neck, well forward, and with wonderful prostrated by spells of hear This condition continued until one year

On the 11th of April, 1893, I suddenly collapsed, and for days I was uncon-scious, in fact I was not fully myself un-til July. My condition on September 1st, was simply horrible, I weighed but quicker than can be told, with scarce a licent and gracious in its results, was seventy pounds whereas my normal weight is 165 pounds. All over my body there were lumps from the size of a grape to the size of a walnut, my fingers lightly from the ground, using his rise artistic sense. But they who composed it had lost riches, comrades, all save were cramped so that I could not more for leverage, and dropped into the saddle tirely lost control of my lower limbs and my hand trembled so that I could not drink without spilling the liquid. Nothinesse of hands or head, no ear for the ing would remain on my stomach, and roar of voices, the distant clapping of seemed that I must dry up before hands-meed for that grand leap!

cines they gave me, I managed to live horse. He must win that race! He had to 1866, when the only in though barely through the fall."

Though barely through the fall."

The lose it now! And approximate the live on the only in the lose it now! by the aid of morphine and other medi-

Here Mr. Thomas displayed his arms, was a large irregular stain as large as the palm of the hand and of a purple color, the space coverage by the palm of the palm of the palm of the space coverage by the palm of the palm o color, the space covered by the mark the mare, flying along full forty yards was sunken nearly to the bone. "That," shead. said Mr. Thomas, "is what the doctors did by putting morphine into me. "On the 11th of December, 1893, just

eight months after I took permanently Voice, hand and spur drove the black to bed-I shall never forget the date-my cousin, Joe Foster, of Carter's Creek, called on me and gave me a box of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, saying they had cured him of partial paralysis, with which I knew he had all but died. I followed his directions and began taking the medicine, as a result I it is as steady as yours; my face has a healthy look about it; I have been attending to my duties for a month. Since I began taking the pills I have gained 30 and gives the black the spur. In a rush

had but four spells altogether. I know positively that I was cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I believe firmly that it is the most wonderful remedy in existence to-day, and daylight between!

sense that name implies. They were is doing in best look they tear along, they were first compounded as a prescription and half the stand's length is passed, and tissue paper cartridge loaded with flour used as such in general practice by an eminent physician. So great was their efficacy that it was deemed wise to place Again the wild yells rise from stand them within the reach of all. They are now manufactured by the Dr. Williams Medicine Company, Schenectady, N.Y., and are sold in boxes (never in loose form by the dozen or hundred, and the public are cautioned against numerous imitations sold in this shape) at 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50, and mail from Dr. Williams' Medicine Com-

By T. C. DE LEON.

PART II .- IN THE SOUTH.

What need, indeed, of warning to the man who had so often ridden calmly in the race of death?

Thundering on, his blood now aflame, his terrible hoofs not five yards awayalmost already trampling prostrate man and beast-on, closer, faster, thundered the massive black!

And checking him neither by word nor bit-no, urging him hotly with voice and spur-his rider was as one blind to the dread mischance before him.

"Now, boy! Up, boy! Up!" The bold, cheery cry rings out above tramp of hoof and shout of maddened Clear and strong it floats back to them with message of cheer. And with the words the firm hands steady on the reins; the lithe body swings back in the saddle, and as it sways forward both spurs go cruelly home.

Up goes the gallant horse, five feet before the leap is reached-up into a tremendous bound that straightens beautifully and sends him over prostrate horse and rider-well beyond the water. He clears the leap gallantly, but he lands in the very tracks of the Mexican mare'

The heavy hind hoofs are well up on that treacherous brink, but the pounded

did the pains become that I went to active warfare, called upon sure agility, California for my health, but the trip bred only in the training of the cavalry with the idea that my last day had nearly dawned upon me, I hurried back here to my old home to die.

quickness the man had landed on the bank, his left hand grasping the mane, his right the cantel of the saddle. Thus lightened, the horse's instinct urged another trial, the man's strength and | That singular society, so secret in its weight thrown into the scale; and, membership and methods, yet so benefbreak in his stride, the gallant black popularly surmised to embrace the fashgathered for his next bound and took it just as the practiced hurdler swung City, as it surely did her wealth and her he had quitted but the second before.

No stopping for stirrups now, no finesse of hands or head, no ear for the

One thought only was in Dale Everett's many more days had passed.

"I made another round of the physicians, calling in one after the other, and down the leathers and magnetize ais thought, the black straightened his great

Scarce a quarter of a mile to do it, too; but man and horse were as one, and the longer stride told with every jump. plong now as he had not gone before. The gap was closing fast, three lengths -two-scarcely one! Once more La Vega called upon his mare, with voice and spur and whip. With final effort she answered grandly, mending the great pace already

stand before you to-day the most sur-prised man on earth. Look at my hand, fleetness of the Mexican? Had he waited armors and cheap dominoes were met on Had Everett misjudged the stay and

too long? A trifle pale, he shakes the rein loose pounds, and I am still gaining. All the knots have disappeared from my body the stand, a hundred yards away. Closer while little learned from the lear except this little kernel here in my palm. forges the black; he reaches the mare's I have a good appetite and I am almost flank, her girth, then laps her, nose and getting the grim past in the absorbing

"Yesterday I rode thirty-seven miles on horseback, I feel tired to-day but not sick. I used to have from two to four spells of heart palpitation every night, and the side of spens of neart parpuation every might, gallant trial. Suddenly the silence breaks pretentious residences of the American with a wild yell.

Just as the corner of the long stand is reached the little mare slips inch by inch lose no jot of it all the long day. away from the black, almost showing these occasional cavaliers, more ambi-

Thirty yards to hold that lead, and and habited in best regality of cotton known to my neighbors as well as to the race is hers! Everett never moves myself, and they will certify to the truth his eyes from the mare's head. Erect, of my remarkable cure."

Dr. William's Pink Pills for Pale People are not a patent medicine in the sense that name implies. They were is doing his best! So they tear along; tissue paper cartridge loaded with flour larger than the stand's length is passed, and they would in turn receive perhaps a flower—more probably a longth is passed, and tissue paper cartridge loaded with flour

twice, it comes down with full force of human appeal in the eye, Jonathan gives fun.

a fierce rush, laps the mare, passes her with one bound, and rushes under the for wide eyed wonder and absorbed curistring with her nose at his steaming

realize it before the flashing steeds are round the curve nulling up, and the English captain races in, a good third.

Then they look up the home and see the roan just graze the distance flag, and, far across the field, men are running to meet the Count de Chavirac, as, streaming with clay and mire, he leads a limping horse toward the back stretch gate.

> PART II-CHAPTER V. THE CREOLE CARNIVAL.

Mardi Gras morning in the Queen City of Carnival!

The great day of the ante-Lenten revel never breaks upon a sleeping city, and New Orleans was early astir, with that | nito. unique buzz and flurry which so exceed buzz and flurry elsewhere, when once your Creole population does get wide awake. And nothing wakes her so very wide as the carnival festa.

This one, after long abstinence, was peculiarly exciting; and far west into rang and carnival sights greeted the eye on every side.

The entire population, home and tran-

sient, seemed to have beaten the sun out of bed, and before he wiped the mists from his foreliead maskers thronged the streets in ante-bellum number and variety. For the carnival was on in all its general aspects, if not with all that lavish expenditure of taste and money which makes the displays of the Mystick Krewe of Comus unique in brilliance and in beauty throughout the world. Public masques, singly and in groups, on foot or mounted in saddle or vehicle, would prevail; masquerade balls of evless romp, would be held, and universal levity of public revel, strangely restrained by influence of habit and blithe but rarely vicious temperament, on the sinner and saint alike, sending all to their knees for a penitential season of and routed us utterly." the flood's duration, with Sundays thrown in pour laguiappe, as the Creole

years. Since its mysterious origin, in 1857, that venerable lodge of mummers had annually given entertainment, instruc- nivals for years; but I never expected to tion and delight to residents and visiting thousands, in a series of masked processions, steadily growing in grandenr of conception and richness of display. But when the war cloud settled down upon all that was bright and gay in the southland its murk shadow hid the



glories of the carnival as well, and the

Krewe was but a brilliant memory to many-an eagerly expected novelty to some.

ion and highest culture of the Crescent lightly from the ground, using his rise artistic sense. But they who composed honor, in the stress and struggle of those bitter years; and they had not chosen "to make a Roman holiday" with the grass yet ungrown on graves of kith and kin. Indeed, to the present day those tasteful pictured emblems sent to their elect in many a distant city have borne blank circles with those years, from 1861 horse. He must win that race! He had to 1866, when the only revel was the red

But once again the great Krewe was to crown the carnival with one of its For, mysterious in all things, these unique mystic societies of the chief cities never advance the slightest hint of what that subject theme may be which they ever illustrate with a tact and taste and brilliance that can be appreciated only

by being seen. But meantime the true carnival spirit ruled the hours. Grotesque costumes of every nationality known, of many designs quite unknown; bizarre monstrosities or cleverly imitated shapes of beasts, birds and even fishes, glittering every hand. Some went to their frolic singly, some in pairs or in groups of varying size. Most were on foot, but

frolic of the present. Sidewalks everywhere were crowded early in the day, and from many a bal-cony and window—notably in the less tent on the now novel revel and eager to tious than their pedestrian co-maskers velvet and glittering tinsel, waved gauntleted hands, checking their steeds long or a torpedo to explode before the horse's

Restaurants, cafes and wine shops threw wide their doors, receiving liberal patronage, for, numerous as were the maskers, tenfold greater was their al Suddenly a white flash of the whip in | fresco audience. The entire population Everett's hand rises high in air. Once, seemed turned into the streets, and at any unusual squeak of tin horns, or louder that limber wrist full on the black's beat of drums, patrons of cafes would be had of all druggists or direct by neck. Never before has he felt the lash! rush to the doors, fork in hand and With a quiver of the nostril and a wild, mouths full, to lose no point of passing ried I have lived on the eighth floor."-

But of all lookers on none approached esity the federal soldiers of the city garrison. Composed of almost every nation-

So rapid is the pace, so sudden the ality and coming from every city of the change, that the shouting crowd scarce Union, save those where mummery was born almost with the century, this public masquerade was to them inexplicable as interesting. And very wistfully they gazed, too; for the spirit of universal mummery has in it strong infection, and they could not yield to it. Strict orders had been issued that no soldier should mask, or disguise his uniform, under any pretext, and only officers off duty were permitted that privilege, after formal re-

port of intention to their commanders. The general was a true soldier, and he justly realized the serious results possible to chance from a mixture of differing and discordant elements, under the temptations and novel conditions of the incog-

"By Jove! the general's head is level as possible on all matters of discipline," our rrepressible major of the quartermaster's epartment enunciated to a group of disruised officers in Gen. Everett's garden about noon. The major had removed his ample mask, but ruefully regarded its the Americanized city, away east through dattened nose, as he threw back the hood quaint old Frenchtown, carnival echoes of a flaring red domino. "Why, Arnold, suppose a lot of ignorant soldiers had been caught, as we were, under that balcony on Rampart street!"

"I don't think the results would have been battle, murder and sudden death," laughed the aid-de-camp, mopping his brow, after removing his mask. "But you should have seen the major bear himself, general. He is as great in piloting green hands through a carnival as he is at ordering a breakfast."

"Oh, I'm an old masker," answered the major, complacently. "When I was ery grade, from decorous dance to reck-less romp, would be held, and universal was hot work under the balcony."

hither side of license, would sway the hours from morn till midnight. But the They returned the fire with flour carfirst stroke of 12, in warning of Ash tridges and torpedoes, and when we Wednesday, would drop the mask from | turned to retreat a crowd of a dozen harlequins charged us with bladder clubs

"It was hot!" grumbled the major. "Look at the nose of that mask, sir! And I believe those cartridges had pep-Krewe would give its first pageant through the streets in five long, somber years.

Cone of the cursed things got down my back, and it is tingling and convenient for Bronchial Affections and Coughs.

"Well, I've had enough of the fun," said Col. Barnes dryly, wriggling out of a long gray domino. "I've read of carfly about in a mask and pelt strange young women with flowers. Hang it! if Mrs. Barnes gets hold of the story!"

"Pshaw, man!" retorted the major, 'do not desert us. We've only seen the beginning of the fun yet. And, Dale, are you not going in for a trial?"

"Hardly in that way, major," Everett answered. "It is a trifle infra dig. to ride steeple chases, and I may as well let masking alone. But really I believe I enjoy the day better as a looker on. Like Barnes, I was most eager to see a Creole carnival; but the reality exceeds any fantastic thing I had imagined."

"Just wait till to-night," the major "If the day interests you the Mystick Krewe will delight you. And then the balls! They are something only to be dreamed of. But you had better try a domino before night just to see ow it feels." "I may take a turn among the mask-

ers this evening," Dale answered. "Late o-night, after the pageant, I join the general's party and take the ladies to the opera house and to the Krewe ball." "Toujours perdrix!" laughed the ma-

jor. "Always the ladies!" Everett suggested that time was passing, and asked the major if he was rested.

"Like a giant refreshed," cried the veteran. "Give me another mask! Bind up my nose! Well, this will have to do. We'll meet here at 3. Dale, and tap that Cliquot I lost to Barnes on your confounded water jump. But I tell you my dear boy, I'd rather pay for wine enough to fill that ditch than have had Johnnie Crapaud beat you!"

"I know it!" Dale answered frankly, grasping the major's not over clean "But the horse won the racenot I. Come, Barnes, we'll follow these revelers at a distance and not lose the sights outside."

"That is a magnificent animal of yours general," Col. Barnes said, as they followed the maskers to the gate. "Singular

name you gave him, though." "Oh, that was the Point name for my chum," Dale answered. "The class called us David and Jonathan, and the vearling colt was a graduation present from my mother. I named him after Latour, and I have always been glad of it when I mounted him for a fight." "Was your friend killed?" asked the

colonel, who was not sentimental. "No, thank God!" Dale answered earnestly. "I heard yesterday that he was safe and well, and he outranked me when his side lost.

"He was a rebel?" Barnes queried, in surprise. "He was a major general in the Con-

federate army," Everett replied, with emphasis. Barnes made no answer. He was, as he described himself, "Cape Cod born," and he had his prejudices, underscored by a Minie ball. But he was talking to

his ranking officer, and a passing rush of maskers changed the subject apro-The carnival was at its acme now. Even greater crowds than before streamed down the cross streets and overflowed into Canal. Costumes of every shape and color mingled with the every day dress, making a shifting kaleidoscope in the bright sunshine, and over the tramp of many feet, and the shrill treble assumed for better disguise of the

maskers, floated constant, happy laugh-(TO BE CONTINUED.)



vating?' "Extremely so. Since I have been mar-

The small boy may occasionally fall in other things, but you can depend upon it that there is one thing he will always do-get to a show in

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"Rather." put in the junior aid. "Why, general, the major led a charge on a bevy of the prettiest girls and bom barded them till our flowers were gone. They returned the fire with flour cartridges and torpedoes, and when we turned to retreat a crowd of a dozen harleouins charged us with bladder clubs

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